Remarks

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 2-11, 13-29 and 33-35, with traverse. The reason for the traversal is that Applicants do not necessarily agree with, or wish to be bound by, the Examiner's conclusion that Groups I and II are unrelated. In addition, the claims of Groups I and II were initially subject to examination by the Examiner. Therefore, there is no undue burden on the Examiner in not requiring restriction, as evidenced by the fact that all claims were initially examined.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned with any remaining questions regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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